

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

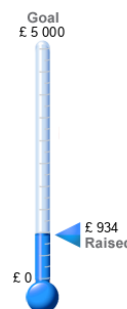
Welcome back! I hope you all had a great break over Easter. The Ibstone £5000 fundraising campaign is now well underway, we have had our first donation from the Ibstone Buying & Selling Facebook group, there have been several donations from parents and members of the wider community and the total was standing at £310.

Thank you to everyone who enjoyed eating the Smarties and returning their tubes full of cash! We have received 57 tubes/donations and lots of the children enjoyed telling us the jobs they had done to earn the money in their tubes. A massive congratulations to Ladybirds who had a tube return of 125%! We hope you enjoy your prizes! Kestrel Class returned 88%, Osprey Class 85% and Woodland Class 76%. Thank you to everyone who returned their Smarties tubes, your efforts have raised a **whopping £624.13!**

This brings our fundraising to date to £934.13!

Fingers crossed this will continue to rise with more donations and fundraising activities, we will update our totaliser weekly to show the progress towards the new library funds. We will add the photoshoot donations next week.

A huge thank you to Vocosa and Jody Smith for digging a 2ft deep trench, running fibre, cabling and other interesting looking pipes over to the new building during the holidays, we really appreciate your time and support!



We have also been very lucky to have a vast selection of furniture donated by Vertex Pharmaceuticals, we now have cupboards, chairs and ready to be distributed around the school. Thank you to Simon and Jo from the village who have made this possible and who have very kindly delivered and unloaded the furniture for us.

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Philippians 4:13*

We have returned to whole school worship this week, in the garden, socially distanced and it has been wonderful! The children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed a bit of normality and for our Reception children it has been further insight into normal Ibstone life!

What we have been learning this week...

Ladybirds have been listening to 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', they have been retelling the story with small world objects and enjoyed acting out the story in the garden. They have written a description about the bear, explored musical instruments with the sounds in the story and learnt a new word 'onomatopoeia', they were challenged to find examples of onomatopoeia in the story.

In mathematics they have been exploring numbers beyond 10 through games, number bonds, ordering activities and using the numicon resources.



Woodland Class have started working on their new topic of 'Growing'. In English, the children have been reading and learning the story Jack and the Baked Beanstalk. They have been learning to retell the story using actions and have been thinking about the thoughts and feelings of characters in the story.

In mathematics, Group 1 have started looking at weight and mass. The children have been learning how to use balance scales to measure mass and have practised using scales to measure objects around the classroom. In Group 2, the children have started looking at fractions. They have been learning to identify parts and wholes and have been identifying and finding halves of shapes and quantities.

All the children planted bean seeds and have been recording their observations into a bean diary. They have also explored and identified a variety of garden plants before designing their very own gardens. In geography, the children have been exploring maps and have been learning how to identify roads and map symbols.

Kestrel Class have started the invention phase of their Elf Road stories. These stories have been planned and the children have started to write their own portal stories which have included coral transporting characters to the ocean, controllers transporting people into their games and people being sucked into ball pits and ending up in other worlds.

In mathematics, Year 3 have continued work on fractions, looking at unit and non-unit fractions and understanding that $\frac{1}{2}$ is equivalent to $\frac{2}{4}$. Year 4 have also been focussing on fractions and have been finding fractions of amounts, e.g. $\frac{2}{3}$ of 36, $\frac{5}{6}$ of 72. Group 3 have started a unit of work on money, they have been recognising coins and counting in 2s, 5s, 10s to help add different coins.

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In science, they have continued their topic on electricity and have been investigating switches and how they can be used in circuits to break the flow of electricity. They discussed why this is useful in everyday life before making their own switches and testing them in a circuit with a bulb.

They have continued learning about Ancient Egypt and this week have been learning about mummification and have looked at the process which is undertaken in order to prepare bodies for the after life. The children particularly enjoyed finding out that the brain was removed by hooking it out through the nose!

Mrs O'Callaghan has been teaching in Osprey Class while Mrs Hartigan is away training at altitude with her daughter who runs for the Irish National Team. This week Osprey Class have been learning their Talk 4 Writing text map which is an excerpt from Cogheart, they will use this next week to complete an accurate write of the passage before moving on to planning and writing their own version.

In mathematics, Year 5 have been adding and subtracting fractions by converting denominators. Year 6 have been reading and interpreting line graphs and completing an investigation on circles which included finding the radius and diameter of circles.

Osprey Class have starting learning about The Shang Dynasty and have been looking at its place in history, comparing it to other ancient civilisations and finding out about when and where it happened.

In other news:

Newsletter Survey

Please take a few moments to complete our newsletter survey that was sent out via email. The newsletter is a window to life in school and we want to make sure that it is useful and informative to all members of the school community.

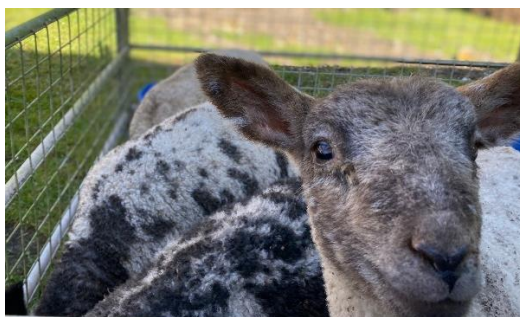
Football Club

KS2 football club started this week, everyone seemed to enjoy the first session and it was great to have enough players to have a short match at the end of the session. The children have all said they loved learning new skills and playing as a team. There are still a few spaces available if any more KS2 children would like to join, please drop an email to the office.

We are hoping to be able to offer KS1 football club after May half term. An email will be sent out in due course.

Thank you!

Thank you to Tom for lending us some lambs for today's photoshoot, they have enjoyed being in school today, especially when they joined us for Worship!



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Polite Reminders

- Please indicate when using rolling drop off and check your mirrors before you pull away.
- Please DO NOT park in the staff car park after school even if it is empty!
- Social distancing measures are still in place for schools, we are not able to relax our restrictions in line with Government guidance, please make sure that you continue to maintain a 2m distance from other parents/ carers when collecting your child at the end of the day.

Warmer weather

It has been glorious for the past few days, hopefully this is a sign of the summer ahead! Please make sure you send your child into school with a named sun hat. It is also worth applying suncream before they come to school.

Happy Saint George's Day!

Louise Long

Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
April 2021		
Sat 24 th	Bluebell Photos	Booked appointments only
Mon 26 th	Forest School	Kestrel Class & Woodland Class
Tues 27 th	PE	Kestrel Class
Wed 28 th	PE	Osprey Class
Thurs 29 th	PE	Woodland Class
Fri 30 th	Forest School	Osprey Class
Fri 30 th	PE	Ladybirds
Fri 30 th	Celebration Worship via Zoom	All
May 2021		
Fri 28 th	End of term – 3pm	Whole School
June 2021		
Mon 7 th	INSET Day	Staff only
Tues 8 th	Start of Term for all children	Whole School
July 2021		
Tues 20 th	End of term – 1.30pm	Whole School
Wed 21 st	INSET Day	Staff only

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